

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, directly under the title, please replace the second full paragraph, on lines 8 – 11 with the following paragraphs:

The present application is also a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/420,068, filed April 21, 2003, entitled “METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MANAGING FEATURES ON A GAMING DEVICE, now abandoned, the entirety of which is incorporated by reference herein for all purposes.

On page 133, please replace the paragraph on lines 25 – 31 with the following paragraph:

- (i) A gaming device may transmit usage data securely over a communication network. For example, communications between a gaming device and an authentication server may be encrypted using a secret key that is known only to the gaming device and the authentication server. Since an attacker (*e.g.*, a casino employee) does ~~no~~ not know this secret key, the attacker would not be able to modify the usage data.